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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The undersigned certifies that each of the following references was contained in a communication from the EPO in a counterpart international application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The disclosed references are:

PCT Application Publication No. WO-02/080207 A1 dated October 10, 2002.

JP-2 146143 Patent Abstracts of Japan, published June 5, 1990, abstract only.

US 6,204,544, issued March 20, 2001, Wang, et al., filed February 12, 1999.

US Pat. Application Publication No. US 2001/0021058 A1, published September 13, 2001, McClelland, et al., filed January 3, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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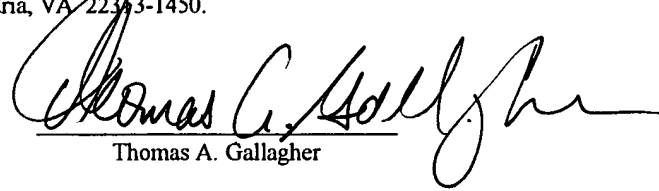
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